

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2426
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was
referred H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for
fiscal year 2014-2015 for the planning, design, and construction
of biosecurity facilities at harbors and airports throughout the
State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture,
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Oahu Invasive Species
Committee, Hawaii Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, and Able
Freight Services, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Airlines Committee of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the unchecked spread of invasive
species is one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy,
natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people.
Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the
extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests,
the spread of disease, and the quarantine of exported agricultural
crops.



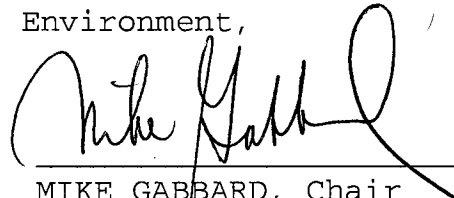
Your Committee further finds that ports of entry are the gateways through which new invasive pests make their way to the State. As a result, it is vital that Hawaii's airports and harbors are prepared with the resources, facilities, and infrastructure to properly prevent the introduction of any new invasive species.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a general obligation bond issuance and appropriation amount of \$1,000,000; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2426 HD1	Committee Referral: ENE, WAM	Date: 3/11/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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